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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARIES MEET WITH
CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4144

1. ON SEPTEMBER 30 AT 3:00 P.M. I ESCORTED PRESIDENT FORD'S
EMISSARIES HERMAN KLEINE (AID-W) AND RUSSELL MCCLURE (DISASTER
COORDINATOR, AID-W) PLUS USAID DIRECTOR FRANK KIMBALL TO MEETING
WITH CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ. MR. KLEINE DELIVERED PRESIDENT
FORD'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.
AND PROMISED FURTHER RESPONSES FROM USG TO HONDURAS REQUESTS
FOR AID AND SUPPORT. GENERAL LOPEZ EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONDURAS. HE ALSO ASKED MR. KLEINE
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TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD HIS GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE

OPERATION AND RESPONSE OF THE U.S. MISSION IN HONDURAS.

2. GENERAL LOPEZ EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS OVER THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH LEGISLATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE PENDING AID LOAN PACKAGES BUT INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MOVE THESE PROCESSES ALONG. AID DIRECTOR FRANK KIMBALL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES AND OFFERED TO MEET GOH OFFICIALS TO SEE IF SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED OUT (I.E., THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN EXISTING GOH LOANS). MR. KLEINE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GENERATING AN ALL OUT HONDURAN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT INCLUDING THE TAPPING OF ALL POSSIBLE RESOURCES. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE PRIVATE SECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. GENERAL LOPEZ SAID THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO UTILIZE ALL POSSIBLE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO FACE THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PHASES OF THE HONDURAS EFFORT.
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